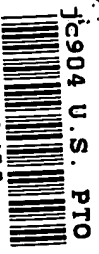


10/19/00



10-20-00

EK538216795US  
10/19/00

A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. AUS9-2000-0627-US1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

**Bruce Leroy Beukema,  
Danny Marvin Neal,  
Gregory Michael Nordstrom,  
Gregory Francis Pfister, and  
Renato John Recio**



For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PERFORM FABRIC MANAGEMENT**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 37 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- ☒ 6 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 10 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 Declarations)
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	24	-20 =	4	X	\$ 18	=	\$72.00
Independent Claims	3	-3 =	0	X	\$ 80	=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	0			X	\$270	=	\$
<b>Total Filing Fee</b>							<b>= \$782.00</b>

- ☒ Please charge \$782.00 to IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with the communication or credit any over payment to IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0447. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
  - ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37CFR § 1.16.
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37CFR § 1.17.

Respectfully,

*Mark E. McBurney*  
Mark E. McBurney  
Reg. No. 33,114  
Intellectual Property Law Dept.  
IBM Corporation  
11400 Burnet Road 4054  
Austin, Texas 75758  
Telephone: (512) 823-1003

09692344-101900